

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Happy Birthday this week to:** (12/7) Jameel Dixon

If you would like to contribute to the Chancel Fund for the Christmas Decorations in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. The deadline for all Christmas Decoration contributions is Sunday, December 12.

**Loyd Market Day** is Saturday, December 11 from 10am-2pm. Set up begins at 9am.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Liturgist:** Karen McBride

**Greeters:** Eugene Turner, Trudy Calhoun

**Elders on Duty:** Peggy Darden, Jolene Davis

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR DECEMBER:**

	<b>Liturgists:</b>	<b>Elders on Duty:</b>
<b>Dec. 12</b>	Elaine Partin	Sandy Mann, Elliott Lamb
<b>Dec. 19</b>	Mike Pauley	Wade Hall, Cynthia Tidwell
<b>Dec. 26</b>	Jayne Pauley	Pat Briggs, Gary Knox

**USHER/GREETER ROTATION:**

- 1st Sunday:** Eugene Turner, Trudy Calhoun
- 2nd Sunday:** Veronica & Brock Sirmons
- 3rd Sunday:** Mark Davis, Trent Mann
- 4th Sunday:** Elaine Howard, Alesia Nixon
- 5th Sunday:** Youth

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Today	9:45 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship
Sat. Dec. 11	10 AM-2 PM	Loyd Market Day
Fri. Dec. 24	6 PM	Christmas Eve Service

**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM:**

Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary  
 Rick Robertson, Pianist  
 Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
 Pam Darden, God's Promised Land Coordinator  
 Katie Vincent, Nursery Worker

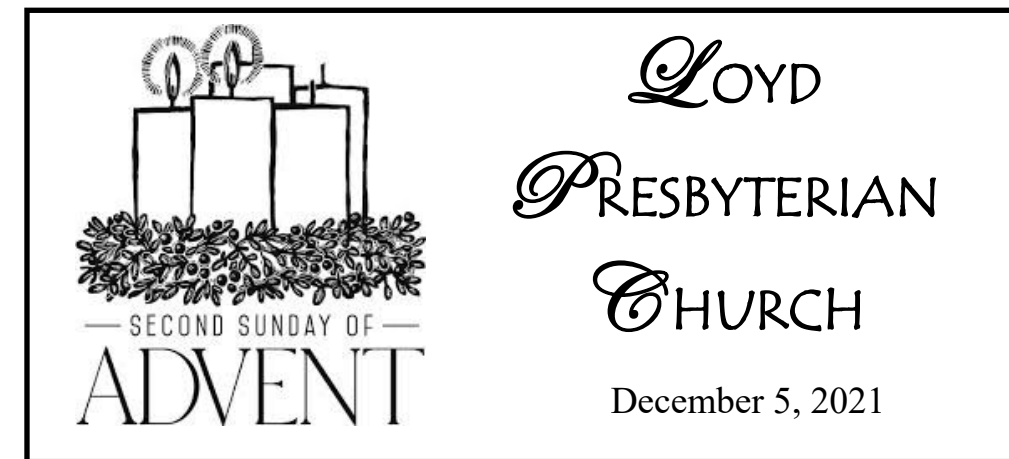
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*If you are interested in church membership,  
 or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,  
 please speak with one of our elders.*



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "I Wonder As I Wander" (arr. Jeanine Yeager)  
 Rick Robertson, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**People: The One who calls us,**

Leader: The One who equips us,

**People: The One who loves us without end.**

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

\*HYMN #20 "Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night"

\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**Holy God, our hearts are breaking, and we don't know whether to shout in rage or keep silent in fear. We take our rage and fear and regret and grief out on others, and we know that is wrong. We act selfishly; we consume and hoard and haggle, and we know that is not what you ask of us in this sacred time. Help us. Mend our hearts. Hear our voices. Comfort us in our grief, and open our hands so that we will share in sorrow and joy, in our hope and despair. Come to us again, we pray, and make us ready to receive you. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (IN UNISON)

Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,  
and freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

\*APOSTLE’S CREED (IN UNISON)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Carol of the Birds” (arr. Rick Robertson)  
Rick Robertson, piano

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Mike Pauley

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: LOVE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

***O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!***

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE

Rev. Wilson Kennedy

“Unfolding God”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN #38

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Away in a Manger”

***Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.***

\*POSTLUDE

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

(Mark Hayes)

Rick Robertson, piano

\*Please stand if you are able



*A gift was given in loving memory of Jo Loyd  
by Walton and Betty White*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

Buddy Baker  
Harry Barrow  
Jim Beedy  
Brooke Breed  
Kenneth & Laura Boggs  
Danny Curtis  
Cindy Crane Family  
Janet Danner  
Charles Darden  
Casey Hendricks

Jimmy Jones  
Kayla McBride  
Dan Payne  
Bryce Ratliff & family  
Bill & Joyce Rowden  
Harris Satterfield  
Angie Smith  
Eli Ting  
The Traylor Family  
Freda Warlick